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ANNOUNCER: This is Liberty Lobby reporting to you from Washington. Liberty Lobby is a non-partisan institute of Americans working together for good government.

Here is an inside look at the events which can shape your future. Your commentator, Bob Bartel.

BOB BARTEL: There has been a lot of debate recently about the federal budget. President Reagan wants it cut. The Congress wants to make it bigger than ever. When you come right down to it, the whole debate is a fraud because even the congressmen sounding off the loudest don't really know how much is being spent by whom and on what.

And I will have the details following this important message.

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BARTEL: The burning debate over the federal budget over cutbacks on one hand, and attempts not to cut back on the other is to a large degree a lot of sound and fury signifying nothing. Because, as pointed out in the current issue of the "Spotlight", billions of dollars are being thrown around without the congressmen even knowing that they voted for the spending.

Now, these secret slush funds are not new. They go way back to the time of George Washington. And all of this in spite of the fact that they appear to defy the constitutional requirements for a full account of public expenditures. Today, this same kind of budget fraud could well account for the \$130 billion anticipated deficit for fiscal 1983.

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The secret CIA funds alone will amount to some thirty to forty billion dollars. In all, at least 20 different agencies have confidential accounts. The fact that this secret funding has been allowed to grow unchecked, undebated, and largely unknown is a tribute to the bureaucrats' ability to muddy the waters. Only a few members of the Congress are allowed to see a very small part of the CIA secret budget and these congressmen readily admit this. And even the brief spotty glimpses allowed these congressmen leave them almost as ignorant of the funds as anyone else.

For example, it is now known that one very small chunk of CIA secret funds, just \$700 million, was discovered in the Food for Peace creation. The funds were actually used for CIA paramilitary activities and hidden under the guise of national security.

If a congressman persists in trying to understand the CIA funding his efforts will immediately be brought to a screeching halt.

The Congressional Record of October 1, 1975 reports this dialogue when a congressman ask then top spy Richard Helms the size of the CIA budget and the number of its employees. Helms says, quote, "We don't answer those questions."

Well, the questioning congressman was then Representative Ed Koch of New York, and he answered Helms quote, "Are you telling me that I as a member of Congress do not have the right to know what the budget is so that when I vote I will not know what I am voting for?" And Helms replied, "Yes, the funds are placed in some other larger item and you do not know." KOCH, Do you mean that it might be included under Social Security? HELMS, Well, we have not used that one yet. It is not a bad idea.

Well, that is just the CIA. And its secret funding could amount to as much as \$40 billion.

But as I mentioned the CIA is just one of at least 20 different agencies that have these confidential accounts. Obviously the White House has millions of dollars at its disposal.

What does all this mean? Well, first of all, some of this money has to be used for legitimate national security. But the term is often a cop out. If they don't want to talk about it or they don't want you to know about it for whatever reason, then it is a matter of national security. And if you really knew were the budget money was going, the public outrage would probably be so great as to topple empires.